

Update MACHC Statute to adjust the Region with the South West Atlantic Hydrographic Commission (SWAtHC).

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**References: a) Action List number 4 of the Extraordinary meeting held at Veracruz, Mexico, in 2005 (Action to be done number 5); and
b) Agreement number 4a of the VII Mesoamerican-Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission (MACHC) Meeting.**

PROPOSAL

It is proposed to

- 1) Emend Article 1, letter b, to be written as:
The geographic Region covered by the Commission shall be that defined by the IHO INT Charting Scheme Regions A1, B, and C1a, included as Annex 2, hereafter referred as "the Region"; and
- 2) Change the picture of the Annex 2 to the annexed one.

COMMENTS

- a) At the Extraordinary meeting held at Veracruz, Mexico, 2005, MACHC approved to expand its Area to include activities in the waters of the Western Atlantic Ocean off the shores of Brazil. At that time, the decision was aligned with the IHO Work Programme to increase the involvement of Member States in Regional Hydrographic Commissions, recognizing that no Commission existed in which Brazil would participate. To accommodate Brazil's membership in the MACHC, the Conference approved the expansion of the "Mesoamerican-Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission" (MACHC) by redefining the "Region" of the MACHC, expanding it to the area of the Western Atlantic;
- b) At the VII MACHC meeting, in Acapulco, 2006, it was decided (Action List 4a) to update MACHC Statute including Brazil area; and
- c) The SWAtHC was established on December 2006, with its Region limited by parallels 0° and 47°20' S.

